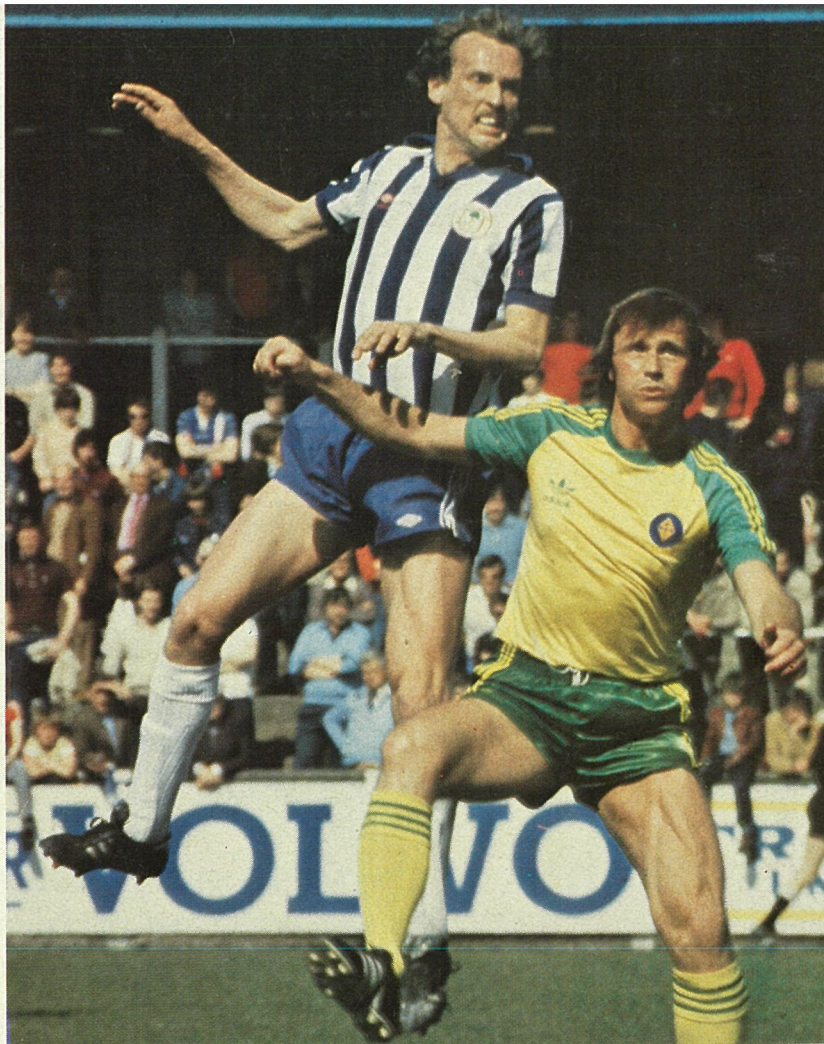


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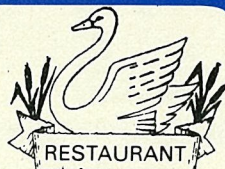
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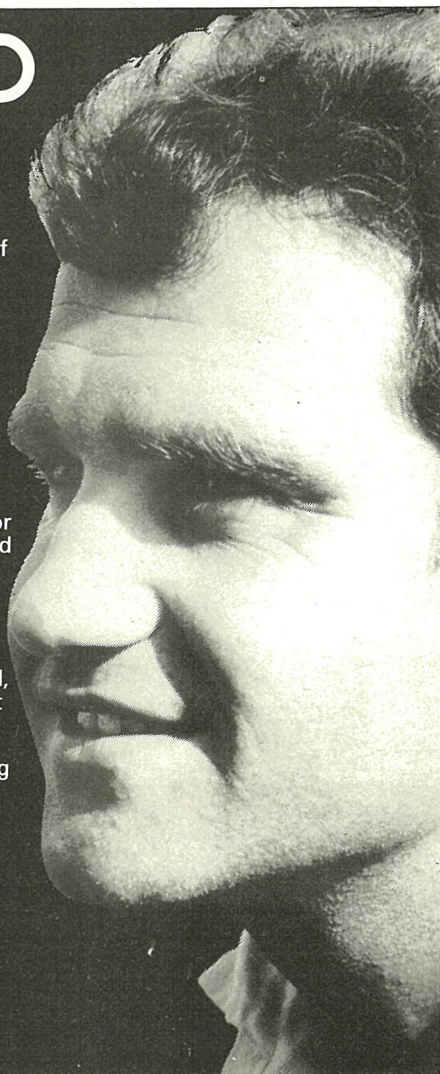
My column today starts on a very unhappy note. Everyone by now will have heard of the tragic death of Bill Shankly. I personally owe the boss an awful lot. He plucked me from the obscurity of the Third Division and helped me towards a very successful career, including, of course, England caps. Mr. Shankly epitomised every thing that is good in the game, dedication, honesty and of course, enthusiasm. He will be sadly missed by everyone connected with football, but I am sure that now he has met the big Manager in the sky, he will be helping him to organise some sort of playing system in their five-a-side games. God bless you, Boss!

Having signed Jimmy Weston from Torquay for a small fee, we are now looking a better balanced side with natural left-footed players as well as natural right-footed ones, and I am sure he will prove a great favourite with the fans.

I consider the two draws against Tranmere Rovers and Bournemouth as four points dropped, rather than two points gained, because I felt that we were the better side in both games.

Here's hoping for a win today, as I feel drawing at home, is not good enough.

Enjoy the game.



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## Torquay's Future at Stake

THE EARLY success of the two South coast clubs, Torquay United and Bournemouth, has surprised and delighted football folk throughout the land. These two old-established clubs have survived the years in areas never renowned for being "Footballing towns" and both opened this season under threat of closure. Torquay United, who come to Springfield Park this afternoon, have won six of their opening seven League games and now top the table marginally ahead of A.F.C. Bournemouth. Torquay's chairman Tony Boyce warned supporters last season that the Plainmoor club might have to fold up unless they enjoyed a successful time this season. Meanwhile, his counterpart at Bournemouth, Harold Walker, stated on the eve of this season that the club was losing £2,000 per week and only substantial success this season could keep "The Cherries" alive.

With five wins and two draws in their opening seven League games, A.F.C. Bournemouth made their best start on record and there are signs that the local public is reacting. Last season's average crowd was 3,380 and that was the level they drew for their first two home games. Last Saturday's game against struggling Rochdale attracted a crowd of 5,146 and there is little doubt that the numbers attending will increase if the club can maintain its early promise. This week the Cherries were hoping to sign former England forward Stan Bowles from Orient. Bowles is a former playing colleague of Bournemouth manager David Webb. The problem is that Orient paid £100,000 for Bowles little more than a year ago and they are in no position to lose substantially on any deal.

The improvement in Torquay's gates has not been as resounding as Bournemouth's, but their average of 2,519 is almost five hundred up on last season. Though they would hope for higher figures at Plainmoor in the near future, an improvement of 25 per cent cannot be too bad in these difficult times.

The Football League's proposals to scrap the Fourth Division and re-organise the Third Division into three regional sections has met with a mixed reaction from Fourth Division clubs. While some welcome the prospect of reduced travel bills, the reduction in the chances of promotion in the main objection. Under the new arrangement, only one club from each group of 18 would gain promotion each season. Currently four from 24 in Division Four represents a far better prospect with interest being maintained to a very late stage in the season. Some clubs used to campaign for regional sections because these would provide more local derbies and thus increase crowds. Now the prospect of more derbies gives rise to fears of easier travel for visiting fans — and more hooliganism. Whatever the outcome of future discussions, the League is taking a positive step to keep discussions on possible improvement continually in the public mind. Even if the present proposals are all scrapped, the outcome of discussions could throw up some useful alternatives. I suppose hapless Crewe Alexandra would welcome just about any change at all. They've made one of their worst starts on record and, with seven defeats on the trot, they are the only Football League club still without a point.

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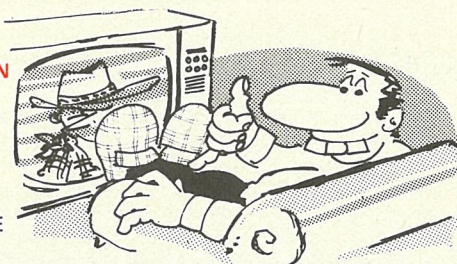
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# COMING SHORTLY

## STOCKPORT COUNTY FOOTBALL CLUB

ALTHOUGH Wigan Athletic have had the better of their League encounters with Stockport County, since their entry into the Football League, and although we recently eliminated the Edgeley Park club from the Football League Cup, it would be very unwise for anyone to consider next week's game a mere formality for the Latics. Whatever the reasons for confidence in the Wigan Athletic camp, at the time of putting together these notes, County are ahead of the Latics in the Fourth Division League table. Rivalry has always been keen between the two clubs and a very competitive game can be anticipated.

Before taking the name of Stockport County, the club functioned between 1883 and 1888 as Heaton Norris Rovers and between 1888 and 1890, as Heaton Norris. The club became a professional organisation in 1891 and a limited company in 1908, and, among other venues, played at such exotically-named grounds as Chorlton's Farm, Wilkes' Field and Nursery Inn, before taking up residence at Edgeley Park in 1902. In its time, the club has seen membership of the Second, Third and Fourth Divisions of the Football League, but over the last twenty years, apart from a brief interlude between 1967 and 1970, Edgeley Park has witnessed only Fourth Division Football.

For those who like to browse over facts and figures, the club's record victory was achieved over Halifax Town, in a Third Division (North) game on 6th January, 1934, by 13-0. The record defeat, on the other hand, was 1-8, against Chesterfield, in a Second Division game on the 19th April, 1902. Honours for the Stockport County Football Club have been achieved rarely, but the club can proudly point to Division Three (North) Championship Honours in Seasons 1921-1922 and 1936-1937, and, Division Four Championship Honours in Season 1966-1967. The club have always been formidable cup opposition, and have reached the Fifth Round of the F.A. Cup on two occasions, in 1935, and 1950, while, in the Football League Cup, their best season was in 1972-1973, when the club reached the Fourth Round of the competition.

Several well-known personalities have graced the managerial chair at Edgeley Park, but few shrewder and more experienced in Fourth Division warfare, than Jimmy McGuigan, who we hope is well on the way to recovery after his recent ill-health.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SATURDAY, 10th OCTOBER, 1981.

**WIGAN ATHLETIC -v- STOCKPORT COUNTY**  
FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION FOUR

KICK-OFF 3 p.m.

7th October Shrewsbury Town (Umbro Floodlit League) Kick-off 7 p.m.

## SPECIAL DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday, 6th October, 1981. Larry Lloyd's Birthday. (29 yrs. old again!)





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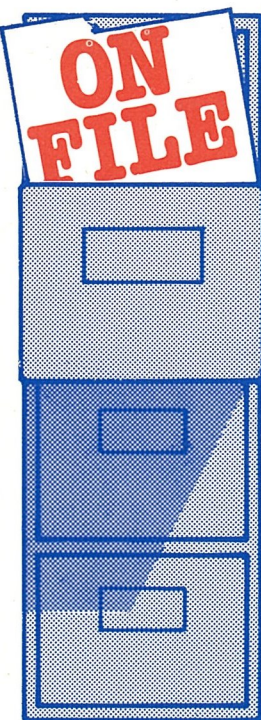
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I AM starting today's column with a quiz question, which I'll be amazed if anyone, except Jack Farrimond, knows the answer to. Question: Who are the following, and what did they do on 4th March, 1904?

John J. Bentley of Bolton, Journalist. T.H. Sidney of Wolverhampton, Gentleman. John Lewis, of Blackburn, Carriage Builder. Harry S. Radford, of Nottingham, Agent. Williams McGregor, of Birmingham, Draper. John McKenna of Liverpool, Vaccination Officer. Geo. H. Leavey, of London, Hosier and Outfitter. Chas. E. Sutcliffe, of Rawtenstall, Solicitor. The answer? They formed a company, the Secretary of which is honouring us with his presence today. He is Mr. Graham Kelly, and he is, of course, the Secretary of The Football League Limited. (The more astute amongst you will point out that the League was founded in 1888, but it was not incorporated until 1904).

I have visited the League offices in Lytham St. Annes several times since I started here. Interestingly, the first time I went, I drove past it without noticing it, settled as it is, amongst the hotels of sedate St. Annes. Fortunately, I did not have any problem last Friday, when I raced up the motorway with the registration papers for Jimmy Weston. He had to have his forms lodged with the

League by 9.10 p.m. on Sunday night, if he was to play at Bournemouth on Tuesday night (the forms have to be in the hands of the League 48 hours before the match is due to end). So, with a copy of his contract, the registration documents, and a copy of the transfer agreement, I set off so as to get it all done on the Friday. I arrived a good hour before the office closed, but I was tempted to sit outside until five to five, so that I could race in in dramatic fashion, just beating the deadline. But as they had kindly agreed to come in on Sunday if I needed them to, the whole tense situation was rather a sham.

One day, however, I expect that I will have to race up there, dash up the stairs and throw the papers on the Registration Desk before I collapse into an exhausted heap on the floor, thus ensuring that a new player can play in a vital match.

A final point of interest is that clubs in the South can save their time and petrol by sending a copy of all the documents through a magic machine based in the Football League's London office, which reproduces the copy in the office in Lytham. I wonder if the same facility would have been provided for we Northern clubs, if the main office was down South?

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# THE LOCAL VIEW

by Harold Ashurst



THIEVES are becoming a major headache for local amateur clubs in the area. Latest victims last weekend were Post and Chronicle Sunday League team White Swan, who had cash and valuables stolen from their dressing rooms at Laithwaite Park during their game with Pier. That raid follows on a couple of heartbreaking thefts from Wigan Rovers' dressing rooms at Poolstock, Rovers have suffered most at the hands of thieves. For the second successive week the dressing rooms were forced and equipment worth hundreds of pounds stolen. Teams have been asked to increase security and keep a sharp lookout to try and stop these raids happening, but individual players can help themselves a little by not taking large amounts of cash and valuables into the dressing rooms with them.

Three teams are on the verge of being kicked out of the Wigan Amateur League for repeatedly kicking off late. The threat comes after the teams concerned have already

been fined the fixed sums. Once the fine structure reaches £5, the next time of default leads to the expulsion of the guilty party concerned.

Wigan Referees' Appointment Secretary Les Webster finished up in hospital recently when he slipped while refereeing the game between Ince and Walmsleys. Les finished up with a dislocated arm, but will soon be back in action.

Best performance in the recent First Round of the Lancashire Amateur Trophy came from "Post" League side Brickmakers, who demolished Blackpool Number One club 5-1 away from home. Congratulations to manager Dennis Turner, himself a keen Latics fan, and his lads.

Wigan Boys under 15's got away to a bad start last Saturday, when they lost 2-3 to Trafford Park at Robin Park.

Ince PC have dealt a blow to the Wigan Amateur League by withdrawing their reserve side from Division One. Internal problems are to blame. Meanwhile, in the Youth Division of that League, St. Cuthbert's disciplinary problems seem to have eased, following strenuous efforts by the League Management Committee, and, of course, the players themselves.

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**BELOW:** Peter Houghton resists the Tranmere Rovers defender's grappling arm and strikes an acrobatic pose.

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range of items that may take an age to clear. Why not pop around to our Soccer Shop sometime? Perhaps something may catch your eye, and your purchase will allow you to identify with the club, and the consequent improvement in sales might be sufficient to encourage us to widen the range of goods purchased and produce further development of this aspect of our operations. For the record, new-style beakers, peak caps, gloves, car window stickers, and a repeat order of scarves, have recently been received. All are reasonably priced and attractive terms.

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Today's match ball has been kindly donated by those two most enthusiastic supporters, Mr. John Catterall, and Mr. Trevor Rudd. Always keen to lend a hand in boosting the finances of our club, these two gentlemen are again thanked for their generosity. We hope that it is not too much out of place to agree with their expressed sentiment that their match ball may find its way into the opponent's goal on several occasions today.

Enjoy today's game.

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by Dave Brooks

IT HAS happened again! Last Saturday we met another-non-league side, again at home, and finished on the wrong end of a 0-1 score line. This time it was Chorley, who, it is fair to say, have been having a very good run in the Lancashire League, having beaten all the big clubs. However, the lads in the reserves have a theory about the two teams that have beaten us so far, they have one thing in common — Harry McNally, our Chief Scout, who has had recent spells with both of these clubs. The theory is that either he has coached them so well that they have beaten us on ability, or that they hate him so much, that they play out of their skins to beat his new club, (we are only joking, Harry!!!)

The pleasing thing coming out of our

away win at Port Vale, and even last Saturday's defeat, are the performances of Bob Potter, the Youth Team 'keeper. As you will appreciate, Bob has been thrown into Reserve Team Football due to the injury of John Brown. This boy is 6' plus tall, weighs about twelve or more stone, is agile, confident, and is still only sixteen years old. He still has a lot to learn, and I am pleased to hear that the boss has invited him in for full-time training for a week to work, in particular, on his kicking, and what is more, his employer has agreed to release him.

By the time you are reading this article, we hope to be beating Liverpool at Melwood, an ambition of mine that I hope will be fulfilled this season for the first time.

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## SPOTLIGHT

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The Supporters' Club cricket team will tomorrow try, for the third time, to resolve the Final of the Spring View Knockout against Wigan Rugby Union Club, the first two games having been postponed due to the weather. The start will be at 1.30 p.m. at Spring View; all are welcome. The Darts and Dominoes Section have got off to a mixed start, the darts having drawn one and lost one, with the dominoes team winning one and losing one, but there seems to be plenty of enthusiasm in the camp.

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### Forthcoming Events

On Wednesday 14th October by popular demand we see the return of the fabulous 'ALTITUDE'. Tickets for this show are going rather quickly, so get yours now price 50 pence.

On Thursday 15th October "The Kansas City Promotions" present their second Country and Western night in the club, the main attraction will be the very popular SUNDOWN BAND supported by Katy G's country disco. Tickets will be 80 pence or pay at the door.

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### NOEL WARD BENEFIT

The tickets for the FILM NIGHT which is on Thursday 29th October are available price 75 pence including programme

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A provisional date for the Benefit Match with Chelsea has been agreed as Monday, 16th November kick-off 7.30 p.m. More information should be available in time for the next programme.

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### WIGAN RHEUMATISM & ARTHRITIS GROUP

The above mentioned group will be holding their Monthly meetings in the club, starting on Wednesday 7th October 1981 at 8.00 p.m. Anyone interested in joining the group, should contact the following people for information. Mrs. TURNER Tel. Wigan 47163, Mrs. Wilson Tel. Appley Bridge 2034, Mrs. Ashurst Tel. Wigan 494363/41847.

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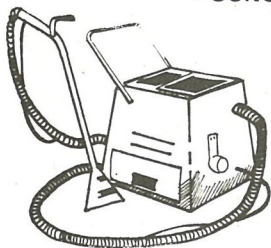
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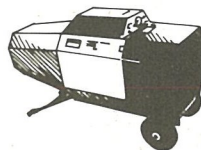
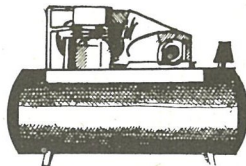
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# TORQUA



## TORQUAY UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB

**Standing** (left to right): Keith Bowker, Maurice Cox, Graham Jones, Vince O'Keefe, Daryl Batten, Les La Brian Wilson. **Sitting:** Bruce Rioch (Player/Coach), Tommy Sermanni, Freddie Pethard, Steve Cooper, (Manager), Richard Bourne, Albert Larmour, Jimmy Weston, Mike Hickman (Trainer)

*Photograph by courtesy of Colin Bratcher*

This afternoon we are pleased to welcome the Torquay United Football Club to Springfield Park, for what is always one of the more attractive encounters of our playing season. "The Gulls" have always offered first-class entertainment, and this season are mounting what could turn out to be a successful challenge for promotion to the Third Division. Certainly, under the astute guidance of Frank O'Farrell off the field, and the driving leadership of Bruce Rioch out on the park, the Torquay United Football Club

have every reason to be optimistic about their prospects for the 1981-1982 season.

Unfortunately, too much adverse publicity has been given to the financial struggle that is going on, in beautiful Devon, to maintain League Football at Plainmoor. If the truth were to be told, every club at our level is struggling to make ends meet, though few are honest enough to admit what is an everyday fact of life in the Fourth Division. It would be a tragedy, if a club, so well established as Torquay United is, were to vanish from the

Football League so that the battle will not only enjoy our February, but also resort on many other

Welcome then management, staff, Torquay United forward to a fine game played in the best game will do both

## PREVIOUS LEAGUE RESULTS

Season 1978-1979  
14th Mar. 1979

Wigan Ath: 3 Torquay Utd. 1  
H.T. Score 2-1 Att. 5,722  
Scorers:  
Wigan Ath: Moore (2),  
Hinnigan.  
Torquay Utd. Lawrence.  
Torquay Utd. 1 Wigan Ath: 1  
H.T. Score 0-1 Att. 2,969  
Scorers:  
Torquay Utd. Payne  
Wigan Ath: Houghton

7th Apr. 1979

Season 1979-1980  
6th Oct. 1979

Wigan Ath: 0 Torquay Utd. 3  
H.T. Score 0-1 Att. 6,541  
Scorers:  
Wigan Ath: —  
Torquay Utd. Cooper, Davies,  
Sermanni.  
Torquay Utd. 2 Wigan Ath: 2  
H.T. Score 2-1 Att. 2,824  
Scorers:  
Torquay Utd. Lawrence (2)  
Wigan Ath: Corrigan, Whittle

14th Mar. 1980

Season 1980-1981  
18th Oct. 1980

21st Mar. 1981

Torquay  
H.T.  
Score  
Torquay  
Wigan  
H.T.  
Score  
Wigan  
goal  
Torquay



# ... in town today... in town today... in town today...

# Y UNITED



Lawrence, Gerry Fell,  
Frank O'Farrell

...ence. We sincerely hope  
...ber won, and that we can  
...ur visit to Torquay next  
...o visit the sun-warmed  
...er occasions in the future.  
...n, to the directors,  
...f, and supporters of the  
...Football Club. We look  
...fternoon's entertainment,  
...pirit, and we are sure the  
...clubs credit.

...uy Utd. 2 Wigan Ath: 0  
...Score 1-0 Att. 2,013  
...ers:  
...uy Utd. Bowker, Cooper  
...an Ath: —  
...an Ath: 2 Torquay Utd. 0  
...Score 0-0 Att. 3,376  
...ers:  
...an Ath: Hutchinson, own  
...uy Utd. —

## PERSONALITIES

**FRANK O'FARRELL:** Born Cork. His return to the Plainmoor Manager's job in June saw the wheel turn full circle for the most respected manager in United's history. For it was in June 1965 that he first arrived fresh from a successful career as Player-Manager at Southern League Weymouth, following a playing career at Preston and West Ham. His immediate success in the mid-sixties meant an inevitable departure to higher levels at Leicester (1969), Manchester United, Cardiff City and the Iranian national team. He briefly took over the Plainmoor reins again in December 1976 before becoming the club's consultant during the period from February 1977 to September 1980. He then moved to a job in the United Arab Emirates before "coming home" two months ago.

**VINCE O'KEEFE:** Born Birmingham. Signed for a record £25,000 from Exeter City in February 1979 where he had gone straight into their promotion winning team on joining from Southern League A.P. Leamington in 1976. A former Birmingham City apprentice he is a highly rated 23-year-old.

**GRAHAM JONES:** Born Worsley. Signed for £17,500 in August 1980 from Luton Town after a successful month's loan the previous season.

**GARRY PENDREY:** Born Birmingham. Signed in August 1981 from West Bromwich Albion where he had played for the past two seasons following a long career with Birmingham City, where he was the Captain at the age of 21. Primarily a defender, he has played in just about every position on the field.

**KEITH BOWKER:** Born West Bromwich. Signed for £5,000 this summer from Exeter City where he was leading goalscorer. Keith began his career in Division One with Birmingham City, then moved to Exeter for £7,000 in 1974. He moved to Cambridge two years later for £8,000 but returned to Exeter twelve months after that on a free transfer having played a few games on loan to Northampton.

**BRIAN WILSON:** Born Newcastle-upon-Tyne. The third former Blackpool player at Plainmoor, he cost £15,000 in 1979. Mainly a defender he graduated through Blackpool's apprenticeship scheme and can also play as a striker or midfielder.

**ALBERT LARMOUR:** Born Belfast. An experienced central defender who began his career with Linfield in the Irish League. He then moved to Cardiff City where he made over 200 appearances including several in

the European Cup Winners Cup.

**TOMMY SERMANI:** Born Glasgow. Enjoyed a highly successful first season at Plainmoor following his transfer from Blackpool in August 1979. A very talented midfielder who began with Scottish League Albion Rovers where he combined soccer with schoolteaching. After 138 League games for them, Blackpool allowed him only half a dozen chances to justify his £14,000 transfer in May 1978 and allowed him to move for a fee of £7,000 a year later.

**LES LAWRENCE:** Born Rowley Regis. A dangerous and feared striker who forms a very good partnership with Steve Cooper — one of the best in Division Four. His first club was Stourbridge from where he moved to Shrewsbury. He then joined Southern League Telford but before he played a game for them came to Plainmoor.

**STEVE COOPER:** Born Stourbridge. Arrived from Southern League Stourbridge in 1978. A former England Youth International, his first club was Brighton, then managed by Brian Clough. He later left the club before joining up with Dover, and then transferred to Stourbridge. He is a hard working and dangerous striker and his scoring record of a goal every two games shows just what a bargain signing he was and he must be worth much more than the £5,000 he cost.

**BRUCE RIOCH:** Born Aldershot. Probably the best known player currently playing in Division Four, Bruce re-joined us as Player Coach from Seattle Sounders in July following a highly successful short-term contract last season covering 18 games. Capped 24 times by Scotland whom he also captained, Bruce began his career with Luton Town (in Division Four) and has also served Aston Villa, Derby County (twice), Everton, Birmingham (on loan), Sheffield United (on loan) and Seattle Sounders in the last two N.A.S.L. campaigns.

**BRIAN JOHNSON:** Recently joined Torquay United from near neighbours Plymouth Argyle, for whom he made almost 200 appearances scoring 40 goals. Should add punch to the "Gulls" attack.

**FREDDIE PETHARD:** Born Glasgow. Began his career with Celtic in 1966 but was released in 1969 and joined Cardiff City where he made well over 200 appearances in Divisions Two and Three as well as the Cup Winners Cup. He came to Plainmoor in July 1979 and is a versatile and consistent full back.



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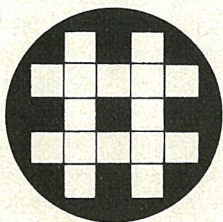
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# PUZZLE PAGE



## ON THE BALL No. 5

Every answer has five letters and the first one fits into the top line, but you have to decide where the rest must go

--- **Manager of the Year**; **Clough's** comment on **Tomaszewski**; --- **Fell**; **Twice Blackpool's** boss.

## CLUB CLUE No. 5

Solve this cryptic clue to identify a soccer side:

**Shouldn't they be playing in green?**

## MIXED DOUBLES No. 5

Re-order the letters in each of the words **NEARBY** and **HACKLES** to find two West German clubs.

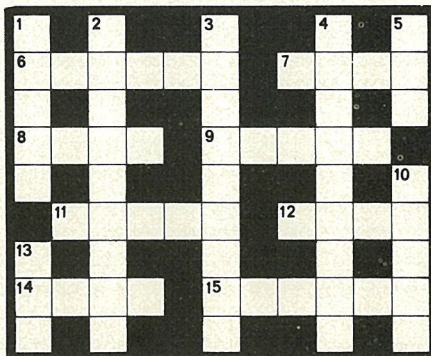
## QUICK QUIZ No. 5

- Which club did Ian St. John manage?
- Who changed from a Robin to a Canary in 1980?
- What was the name of the horse in the 1923 'White Horse' FA Cup final?
- Who were the unrelated full-backs who served Brazil together for many years?
- Against which country did England score 17 goals in an away match?

ANSWERS ON PAGE 30

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## SOCCER NINETY-NINER

No. 5 (compiled by David Peck)

### ACROSS

- 6. & 1 dn.** There were a dozen originally and a net eighty have been added since (6,5)
- Where West Germany beat Belgium to win the European Championship in 1980 (4)
- Defender (4)
- The number of goals Newcastle notched up in League matches away from home last season (5)
- Chelsea's nickname (5)
- Goal --- (4)
- Goal --- (4)
- Famous old left-winger who played 467 League games for Bolton, was regularly capped by Wales, and later managed Swindon, QPR and Wolves (6)

### DOWN

- See 6 across
- Big-spending club whose many costly signings include Cruyff, Krankl, Simonsen and Schuster (9)
- Having a particularly good --- record at home helped ... (9)
- ... this club to win a divisional title last season (9)
- 5 & 10.** They made their last appearance in a League match on 17th January 1981 (3, 5)
- Arrowsmith, former Liverpool, Bury and Rochdale forward (3)



# OUT & ABOUT



## with Chris Gill

Talk about the long and winding road. . . they certainly don't come any twistier than on the way to sunny (joke) Bournemouth.

The fifty Latics supporters who braved the uphill-downhill trek to Dean Court — it puts Blackpool's big dipper in the shade — deserved a medal . . . if not a goal. There can be no printing what some of the fans said after a certain referee's oversight (or was it the lack of it!) disallowed a Jeff Wright goal. While the rest of us fumed, (that's those of us who would have welcomed the goal with open arms), the Bournemouth fans had to laugh.

ONE MAN (nick! nick!) who probably had (bing! bong!) most to laugh about (what d'yer doin' here, Chalkie?) was comic Jim Davidson, currently doing a summer season in the town.

Bournemouth are apparently often the butt of Jim's jokes, but he's a most welcome supporter whenever he can make it, and could soon become a new director. Jim is the latest in a long line of famous people who support Football League clubs. My arch rival, and good

friend, Harold Ashurst often fondly recalls how he nearly died laughing after an encounter of the hilarious kind with Eric Morecambe. If you look around you are as likely to find anyone from Mike Yarwood to Elton John to Peter Adamson (Len Fairclough) and Jimmy Tarbuck at soccer matches of all levels.

Anyway, in welcoming new signing Jimmy Weston to Springfield Park, it is only fair to say he got the push after just one game. After Tuesday's match, Jim stayed over in Bournemouth, before returning home to Torquay and found in the morning that his car wouldn't start. The lads gave him the old heave ho . . . and sent him packing.

Looking back for a moment, and was it only I who suffered at Tranmere on Saturday. . . and I make no reference to the game . . . or did everyone else feel a real drip? The fact was that yours truly got again pulled the short straw and seemed to sit under the only spot in the main stand where the roof was leaking. Needless to say I got it in the neck for a full ninety minutes!!

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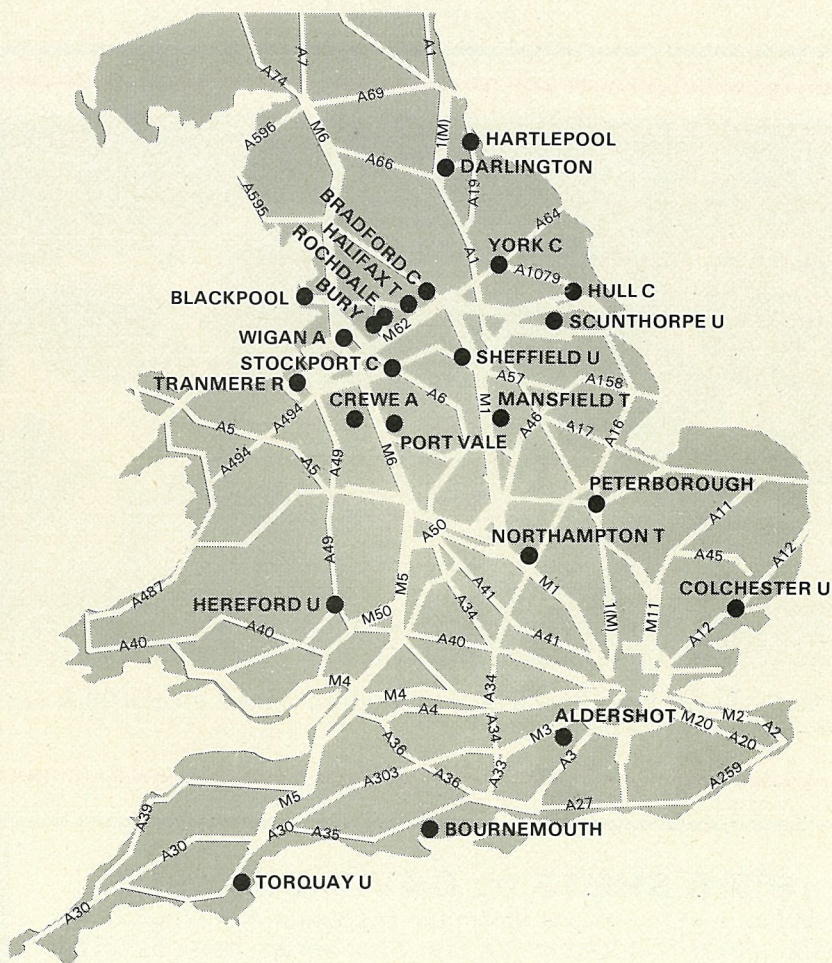
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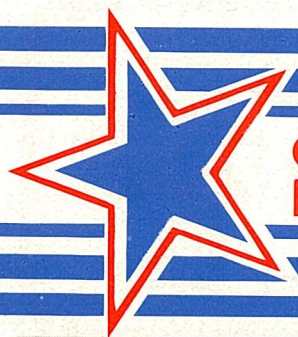
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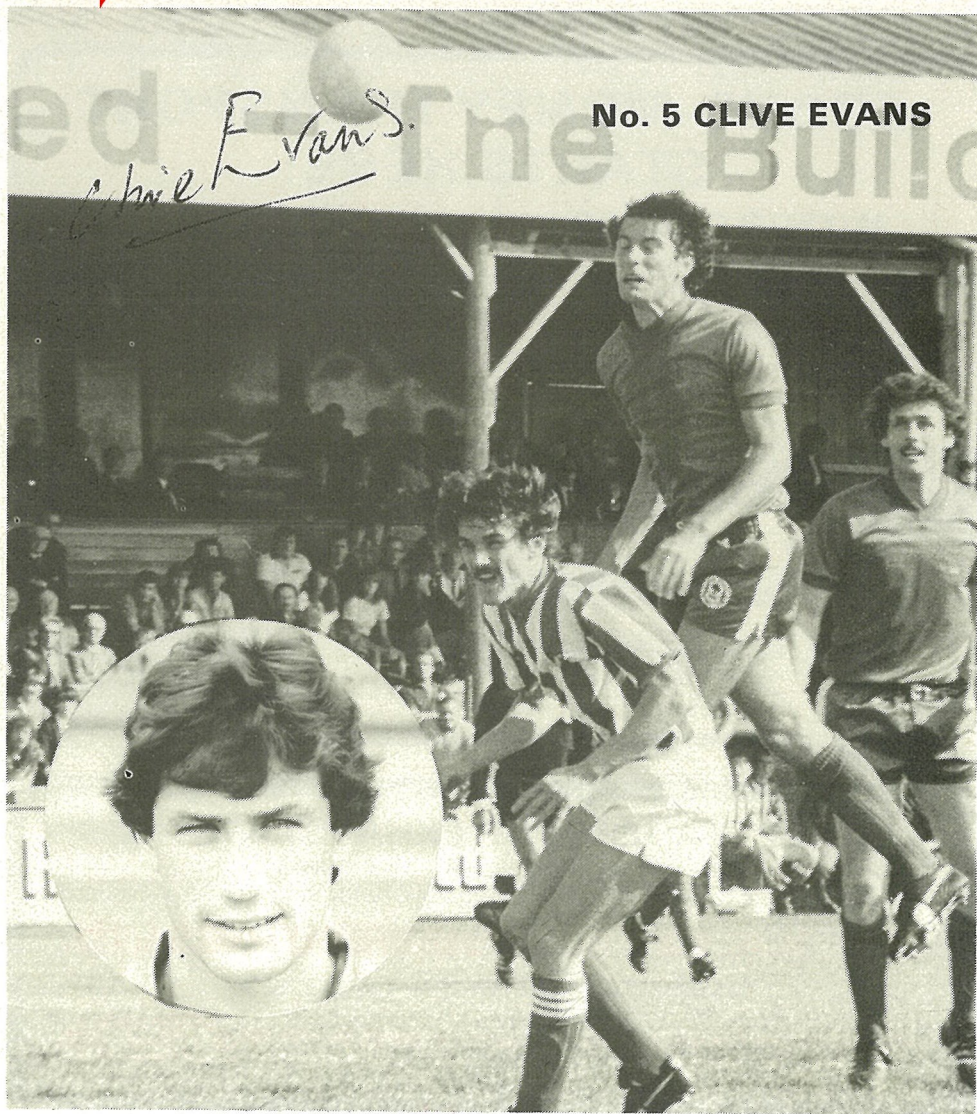




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## Bill Shankly

YOU DON'T often have the chance to meet a person who is referred to in such terms as 'The King' and who was genuinely worshipped by football supporters in Liverpool.

Bill Shankly, before and after his retirement as Manager of Liverpool F.C. was regarded as one of the greats of the game and was a man who was respected by football supporters everywhere.

It was on his last visit to Springfield Park that I had the pleasure of meeting 'Shanks'. Wigan Central were playing Hindley for the 'Junior Latics' Cup in a curtain raiser before Latics played Swansea City.

Bobby Charlton, who was due to present the Cup to the winners had been unavoidably delayed but luckily Bill was on hand to stand-in. He duly presented the trophy and went on to speak to every member of both teams. But it was later that the character of the man came through. I had been invited into the Board Room by Mr. Pye and Bill was there.

"Hello son" he said "tell me about your Juniors". Which I did. "That's good. They are the most important part of any Football Club you know. If you can provide for the youngsters then they will respect the Club." I chatted to Bill Shankley for 10 or 15 minutes and then asked him if he would like to come to one of our 'Junior Latics' meetings. "I wouldn't mind that at all." When the news of his heart attack came, we were preparing a 'Bill Shankly Night' for the 'Junior Latics'. Although we met only once I feel that I and the 'Junior Latics' have lost a true friend.

## Programme Night

On Monday 12th October at 6.45 p.m. we hold our second meeting and it promises to be a great night.

Roy Cavanagh from Bolton Junior Whites, who is one of the Country's foremost programme experts, is presenting 'The Bobby Charlton Story' from his vast collection of Manchester United programmes.

Starting with Bobby's first league appearance for United on the 6th October, 1956, just 25 years ago this week, against strangely enough Charlton Athletic. Through World Cup and European Cup finals to his retirement on the 28th April, 1973 at Chelsea. It's a fascinating story.



## Mascot

Mark Hepplestone, age 9 years. Winstanley Primary School. His interests are football and swimming. He plays football for his school team. His favourite player is Kevin Keegan.

**DON'T FORGET THE NEXT MEETING  
TAKES PLACE ON OCTOBER 12th AT  
6.45 p.m. DO NOT MISS IT.**

**JOHN FILLINGHAM (Chairman)**

# JUNIOR LATICS







**ABOVE:** Kevin Sheldon crashes his shot at goal, as the ball comes back to him out of the defensive wall.

**BELOW:** Tranmere Rovers goalkeeper, Scott Endersby, puts the fluence on a Kevin Sheldon shot, and the ball flashes into the side netting.  
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*WHY NOT BRING ALONG A FRIEND?*



The quickness of the Bournemouth goalkeeper's hands may have deceived the eyes of the match officials, but in this exclusive shot taken by our photographer, David Cookson, the ball obviously crossed the line before it was pushed back into play.





Home fixtures in capitals.  
Wigan scores first

Player scoring bold.  
† Player substituted.

2 Figure indicates no. of goals scored by player.  
\* In result column indicates opponents own goal.

DATE	FIXTURE	F	A	ATT.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1981																
AUG. 29	Bradford City	3-3	4,229		Brown	McMahon	Glenn	Cribley	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon†	Barrow	Bradd†	Quinn	Evans†	Houghton
AUG. 31	STOCKPORT CNTY. F.L. Cup 1 1st Leg	3-0	5,079		Brown	McMahon	Glenn	Cribley	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Barrow	Bradd†	Quinn	Evans	Houghton
SEPT. 5	SHEFFIELD UNITED	0-1	8,001		Brown	McMahon	Glenn	Cribley†	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Barrow	Houghton	Quinn	Evans	Wright
Sept. 12	Hartlepool United	1-2	1,715		Brown	McMahon	McAdam†	Cribley	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Barrow	Houghton	Quinn	Evans	Wright
Sept. 14	Stockport County F.L. Cup 1 2nd Leg	2-1	2,913		Ward	McMahon	Glenn	Wright	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Langley†	Houghton	Quinn	Evans	Cribley
Sept. 19	NORTHAMPTON TOWN	3-1	3,996		Ward	McMahon	Glenn	Wright	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Langley†	Houghton	Quinn	Evans	Cribley
Sept. 23	PORT VALE	2-0	4,525		Ward	McMahon	Cribley	Wright	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Quinn†	Bradd	Houghton	Evans	Barrow
Sept. 26	Tranmere Rovers	0-0	2,774		Ward	McMahon	Cribley	Wright	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Quinn	Bradd†	Houghton	Evans	Langley
Sept. 29	A.F.C. Bournemouth	0-0	4,962		Ward	McMahon	Weston	Wright	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Barrow	Houghton	Quinn	Evans	Cribley

OCT. 3 TORQUAY UNITED  
Oct. 6 Aldershot F.L. Cup 2 1st Leg  
Oct. 10 STOCKPORT COUNTY  
Oct. 17 Hull City  
Oct. 20 Bury

OCT. 24 SCUNTHORPE UNITED  
OCT. 27 ALDERSHOT F.L. CUP 2 2nd Leg  
Oct. 30 Colchester United.

NOV. 4 DARLINGTON  
Nov. 7 HEREFORD UNITED  
Nov. 14 York City  
Nov. 21 F.A. Cup 1.  
Nov. 28 Rochdale

DEC. 5 HALIFAX TOWN  
Dec. 12 F.A. Cup 2.  
Dec. 19 ALDERSHOT  
Dec. 26 Crewe Alexandra  
Dec. 28 BLACKPOOL

# BEST ATTACKS AND DEFENCES UP TO AND INCLUDING 26.9.81. EACH SIDE HAVING PLAYED THREE HOME AND THREE AWAY GAMES

CLUB	GOALS SCORED	CLUB	GOALS SCORED	CLUB	GOALS CONCEDED	CLUB	GOALS CONCEDED
Bradford City	19	Hull City	8	A.F.C. Bournemouth	1	Tranmere Rovers	8
Blackpool	13	Mansfield Town	8	Blackpool	4	Hereford United	9
Colchester	12	Stockport County	8	Port Vale	4	Hull City	9
Aldershot	11	Northampton Town	7	Bury	5	Bradford City	10
Peterborough United	11	Scunthorpe United	6	Colchester United	5	Halifax Town	10
Bury	10	Sheffield United	6	Sheffield United	5	Aldershot	11
Hartlepool United	10	Halifax Town	5	Mansfield Town	6	Hartlepool United	11
Torquay United	10	Darlington	4	Peterborough United	6	Darlington	12
Hereford United	9	Port Vale	4	Scunthorpe United	6	Rochdale	12
Wigan Athletic	9	Rochdale	4	Torquay United	6	York City	13
York City	9	Crewe Alexandra	3	Stockport County	7	Northampton Town	14
A.F.C. Bournemouth	8	Tranmere Rovers	3	Wigan Athletic	7	Crewe Alexandra	16



1982

JAN. 2 Mansfield Town  
 Jan. 9 Sheffield United  
 Jan. 16 PETERBOROUGH UNITED  
 Jan. 23 BRADFORD CITY  
 Jan. 30 Northampton Town

FEB. 6 HARTLEPOOL UNITED  
 Feb. 8 Port Vale  
 Feb. 13 Tranmere Rovers  
 Feb. 20 Torquay United  
 Feb. 26 Stockport County

MAR. 6 HULL CITY  
 Mar. 10 BURY  
 Mar. 12 Scunthorpe United  
 Mar. 16 Darlington  
 Mar. 20 COLCHESTER UNITED  
 Mar. 27 Hereford United

APR. 2 YORK CITY  
 Apr. 9 Blackpool  
 Apr. 10 CREWE ALEXANDRA  
 Apr. 17 Northampton T.  
 Apr. 24 Halifax Town  
 ROCHDALE

MAY 1 Peterborough United  
 May 5 A.F.C. BOURNEMOUTH  
 May 8 MANSFIELD TOWN  
 May 15 Aldershot

## FOURTH DIVISION LEAGUE TABLE AS AT 1st OCTOBER, 1981.

	Home Goals				Away Goals				Pts.
	P	W	D	L	F	A	D	L	
Torquay United	7	4	0	0	8	3	2	1	18
Bournemouth	7	3	1	0	5	0	1	4	17
Bradford City	7	3	1	0	13	0	1	3	17
Bury	7	4	0	0	11	0	1	3	16
Blackpool	7	4	0	0	17	0	1	3	16
Sheffield Utd.	7	3	1	0	8	2	3	2	13
Port Vale	7	3	2	0	9	1	1	2	12
Hartlepool Utd.	7	3	2	0	1	8	1	2	12
Peterborough U.	6	3	0	1	9	1	1	2	11
Stockport Utd.	7	3	0	1	0	8	1	0	11
Stockport C.	7	3	0	1	0	8	1	0	10
Wigan Athletic	7	2	1	0	5	4	3	1	10
York City	7	1	0	2	4	5	2	4	9
Hereford Utd.	6	1	1	0	2	4	2	2	8
Mansfield Town	7	1	1	0	2	4	1	2	8
Aldershot	7	1	1	1	2	5	1	1	8
Hull City	7	2	1	1	0	5	1	3	7
Scunthorpe Utd.	7	2	1	1	0	5	0	1	7
Tranmere Rvs.	7	0	3	1	1	3	1	3	6
Darlington	7	0	2	1	4	3	0	2	4
Rochdale	7	1	1	1	3	0	2	1	4
Northampton T.	7	0	3	1	4	5	0	3	3
Halifax Town	7	0	2	1	2	4	0	3	3
Crewe Alexandra	7	0	0	3	3	6	0	4	0

# AGGREGATE ATTENDANCES FOR HOME LEAGUE FIXTURES (FOURTH DIVISION) AS AT 26th SEPTEMBER

Sheffield United	34,886
Wigan Athletic	16,522
Hull City	14,128
Blackpool	13,900
Bradford City	12,602
A.F.C. Bournemouth	12,290
Peterborough United	11,853
Stockport County	10,071
Bury	9,564
Port Vale	9,182
Mansfield Town	8,063
Colchester United	8,013
Hereford United	7,718
Torquay United	7,537
Rochdale	6,994
York City	6,582
Darlington	6,260
Aldershot	6,137
Crewe Alexandra	6,043
Tranmere Rovers	6,037
Scunthorpe United	5,790
Northampton Town	5,554
Hartlepool United	5,522
Halifax Town	5,340

Each of the clubs listed has played three home games at the time of going to press.

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## Comment FROM THE CHAIR

THE WHOLE football world will be saddened by the tragic death of our very close friend, Bill Shankly, this week. Characters like Bill are very few and far between, and he will be sadly missed. As most people are aware, Bill was a frequent visitor to Springfield Park and always enjoyed his visits to the full. Yesterday it was my privilege to represent Wigan Athletic at the funeral, and the club will, in the near future, be sending a substantial donation to the British Heart Foundation.

I have been delighted with the recent marked improvement in our playing performance, and we now seem to be consolidating our position. The point gained at Bournemouth was well-won, and it would appear that, in signing Jimmy Weston, we have solved the problem left fullback position. Slowly,

but surely, Larry Lloyd is knitting together our formation, and we are confident that we shall soon be challenging for a promotion spot.

Looking forward to next week, we are hopeful that a good performance at the Recreation Ground will enable us to bring Aldershot back to Springfield Park, at the end of October, to put the finishing touches to a Second Round Football League Cup success. Victory over Aldershot would not only bring about our entry into the Third Round of the competition for the first time, but might also lead to a money-spinning clash with one of the Football League's leading clubs.

Finally, a word of welcome to our visitors, Torquay United, who have climbed to the top of the tree in the Fourth Division as a result of their excellent start to the season. Today's game should be a real test for our side, but, on current form, we are confident that we can win the day and maintain recent progress.

Yours sincerely,

*Freddie Pye*

Freddie Pye,  
Chairman.

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ON THE BALL No. 5 — Bell's, Clown, Gerry, Brown.  
CLUB CLUB No. 5 — Lincoln (green)  
MIXED DOUBLES No. 5 — Bayern, Schalke.  
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- 3 Jim Weston
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- 5 Larry Lloyd
- 6 Colin Methven
- 7 Kevin Sheldon
- 8 Graham Barrow
- 9 Peter Houghton
- 10 Mike Quinn
- 11 Clive Evans
- 12 Alex Cribley

# TEAM CHECK

## OFFICIALS

Referee:  
**MR. K. S. HACKETT**  
(Sheffield)

Commenced refereeing in 1960 in Sheffield and then via the Yorkshire and Northern Premier Leagues progressed to the Football League Line and full list. Has refereed in Northern Premier Cup Finals, and lined the 1975 Boys' Club Final at Wembley. Also lined for the Finland v Iceland game in 1976. Refereed the 1978 Debenham's Cup match. Senior Linesman F.A. Cup Final 1979; refereed two Football League Cup Semi-Finals and an F.A. Cup Semi-Final in 1980. Also refereed the 1980/81 F.A. Cup Final.

Married, and with two sons, he is a Sales Manager and his interests are caravanning and all sports and gardening.

### Linesmen:

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**Mr. A.R. Morton**      **Mr. J.J. Shawcross**  
(Thornorton Cleveleys)      (Northwich)

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**TOROUAY  
UNITED**  
(All Yellow)

- 1 Vince O'Keefe
- 2 Graham Jones
- 3 Graham Pendrey
- 4 Keith Bowker
- 5 Brian Wilson
- 6 Albert Larmour
- 7 Tommy Sermann
- 8 Les Lawrence
- 9 Steve Cooper
- 10 Bruce Rioch
- 11 Brian Johnson
- 12 Freddie Pethard

## "HERE NEXT"

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